

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Celebrate National Trails Day With Us. Now in its 23rd consecutive year, National Trails Day challenges the public to explore nearby trails and support volunteer efforts. The park is hosting a trail clean-up on Saturday, June 6. Meet at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center by 8:30 am ET. Volunteers will need to bring plenty of water, snacks and gloves. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes. The park will provide all tools and personal protective equipment. For more information, call Effie Houston, Volunteer Coordinator, at (423) 569-9778.

Bandy Creek Pool is Open from noon to 6:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Daily use fees are free for 5 years old and under, \$2.00 for 6 to 12 years old, and \$3.00 for 13 years and older. The pool is also available for after-hours rentals. The fee is \$25.00 per hour for up to 25 persons. Make your reservation by calling (423) 286-8368.

Local Outfitters Offer More Ways to Enjoy the Park.

From guided kayaking trips to bike rentals to shuttle services and everything in between, guide services are available for your next park adventure. Visit our website in the Plan Your Visit section.



Rangers Matt Hudson, Bret Painter, & Thomas Hall receive the U.S. Department of Interior Valor Award for a heroic river rescue last year.

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Fish with a Ranger Day. Saturday, June 6 is Tennessee's Free Fishing Day. Meet at Lilly Bridge at 7 am ET. Fishing rod, reel, and some tackle will be provided for participants to use. Children are particularly encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. This program is an excellent chance to learn helpful tips and tricks of fishing in the free-flowing streams of the Cumberland Plateau.

Astronomy Family Night. Saturday June 13 is Obed's first Family Night of Astronomy! The park is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the night sky. The program begins at 7 pm ET at the Obed Visitor Center. Throughout the evening there will be activities for children and presentations for visitors of all ages.

Rangers Hall, Painter, and Hudson Awarded Prestigious Valor Award. The award, recognizes an employee's demonstration of unusual courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger. The rangers paddled hazardous whitewater by headlight and moonlight to rescue a man stranded mid-river without a life jacket.

Obed Annual Photo Contest

Accepting Entries through July 21. Visit our website for entry forms.

Centennial Celebration Events

- Every Monday Mtn Bike Ride starting at Bandy Creek VC
- Every Sat. & Sun. am Jr Ranger Program at Bandy Creek VC
- 6/6 Bandy Creek Campfire Program
- 6/7 Healthy Hike at Yahoo Falls
- 6/10 Crack-in-the-Rocks Hike
- 6/18 Experience Your Big South Fork: A Day on the Trail
- 6/20 Night Sky Astronomy Program

- Every Friday am Preschool Storytime at the Visitor Center
- Every Sunday afternoon Ranger programs at Lilly Bluff
- 6/6 Coffee and Climb with a Ranger
- 6/18 Primitive Bow Workshop
- 6/20 Healthy Hike to Alley Ford
- 6/26 Experience Your Obed: A Day on the Trail

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